

## REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 10-13 have been amended and claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 9 are cancelled. No new matter is presented and, accordingly, approval and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

## STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 3, 4, 6-8, 10-15 are pending and under consideration.

Claims 1-4, 8-11 and 15 are rejected.

Claims 5-7 and 12-14 are objected to.

## ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 5-7 and 12-14 are objected to but are indicated to be allowable if suitably rewritten to be dependent upon a rejected base claim or if rewritten to independent form including all the limitations of the respective base and any intervening claims.

More particularly, claim 3 has been rewritten into independent form, incorporating therein the limitations of allowable claim 5/3 and the latter has been cancelled.

Claim 7 has been rewritten into independent form, incorporating therein opening paragraph limitations of original, allowable dependent claim 5/3 and retaining the original closing paragraphs of claim 7 and accordingly, being rendered allowable as indicated by the Action.

All remaining claims have been amended to dependent from the respective, allowable independent claims 3 or 7, as appropriate.

**ITEM 2: REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-3 AND 9-10 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e) AS ANTICIPATED BY CUNNINGHAM, ET AL. (U.S. PATENT 7,202,851);**

**ITEM 3: REJECTION OF CLAIMS 3 AND 10 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e) AS ANTICIPATED BY WEGMULLER, ET AL. (U.S. PATENT 6,646,632);**

**ITEM 5: REJECTION OF CLAIMS 4, 8, 11 AND 15 FOR OBVIOUSNESS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a) OVER WEGMULLER, ET AL. (U.S. PATENT 6,646,632);**

The rejections are respectfully traversed, as moot, in view of the forgoing claim amendments.

